

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

What I claim is:

1. An assembly, comprising:

(a) an apparatus, comprising;

(i) a frame mounted within an exterior wall of structure below an escape opening such as a window; and

(ii) a hinged door pivotally attached to the frame, wherein the door pivots away from the window from a closed position wherein the door is essentially horizontal when in the open position and allows access to an interior storage chamber defined by the assembly, and (2) provides a step outside the structure, said door is supported via a support member which collapses within the chamber while in the closed position, said support member is attached at the first end to said enclosure, said support member is attached at the second end to said door through spaced apart apertures; and

(b) a collapsible ladder having a first end attached to the door through spaced apart apertures.

2. An assembly as recited in paragraph 1, wherein the hinged door has an interior surface and an exterior surface, and the exterior surface of the door is covered with a material matching the exterior wall of the structure.

3. A method of use, comprising the steps of:

(a) opening a window in a structure to provide an opening through the structure; and

(b) pivoting a hinged door on an assembly installed below the window on the structure from a closed position to open position wherein the door is essentially horizontal when in

the open position and allows access to an interior storage chamber defined by the assembly; and

(c) removing a collapsible ladder from the storage chamber wherein a first end of the ladder is attached to the door; and

(d) allowing a second end of the ladder to drop downwardly from the door; and

(e) stepping through the window onto the door; and

(f) descending the ladder.